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Local

Body found

ASHBURNHAM — Local and state police are investigating the identity of a body found at 120 Winding Cove Road early Friday.

Police said Friday an anonymous person called at 12:40 a.m. to report a strange odor coming from the Winding Cove address. Officer Kevin Ahearn responded to the scene and found the door to the house ajar. Ahearn entered the house and discovered the bodies of a white male and a dog.

A spokesman from Worcester District Attorney John J. Conte said Friday that investigators will try to identify the man through dental records, since the body was badly decomposed. The spokesman said there was no indication of foul play.

Teen charged

TAUNTON (AP) — A 17-year-old has been arrested in the rape and murder of a woman in her Palm Coast, Fla. home, police said.

Michael Renaud, formerly of Taunton, drove to Massachusetts after allegedly killing Margaret Rogers, 40, and stealing her car, police Lt. Joseph Rogers said Friday. Renaud also lives in Palm Coast.

Renaud was arraigned Friday in Fall River District Court on charges of receiving stolen property, Rogers said. Florida authorities plan to extradite him to face murder and fugitive from justice charges.

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Plane crash

BEDFORD, N.H. (AP) — A single-engine plane crashed Friday, injuring two people, one seriously, authorities said.

The plane took off from Nashua at about 6:30 p.m. and

Mill No. 8 may reopen

By Beth A. Marchese
STAFF WRITER

FITCHBURG — The machines in the old James River Massachusetts Paper Mill No. 8 may roar to life again with 150 employees next year, only this time under a new company with a mission to recycle old paper into new products.

The Hyde Park-based Patriot Paper Corp. officially announced its intention to buy the now-idle plant in a press conference Friday hosted by Mayor Jeffrey A. Bean. The company is partially owned by Tembec Inc. of Temiscaming, in the Canadian province of Quebec.

Project Manager Francis J. Fitzpatrick said that if all goes well, Patriot Paper will start building a de-inking plant and modifying two of the three paper machines by late this year. The mill would begin operation in late 1993.

Patriot has been negotiating for more than a year with James River Corp. of Richmond, Va. for the acquisition of its old facilities. The deal has yet to be completed, Fitzpatrick said.

James River closed the plant in 1989, laying off the 80 employees who were left after a long decline, city official said.

Fitzpatrick said those employees would be among the first to be chosen for jobs, since the company would need workers with paper manufacturing experience. Eventually, the plant could employ as many as 300 people.

Fitzpatrick added that the company is also awaiting final results from a paper supply analysis. The company would accept paper waste from offices and other industries within 400 miles.

Patriot remanufactures paper into printing and writing-grade paper, which can be used for computer printouts, copy machines, office stationary, envelopes and file folders, he said.

Though the proposal has yet to go through the permitting process,

city officials said they were optimistic Patriot Paper would make a second home in Fitchburg. Approval must be obtained from the Industrial Development Financing Authority, the City Council and the Massachusetts Industrial Finance Authority.

The Financing Authority is expected to review the proposal Tuesday at 4:10 p.m. The City Council will Patriot Paper's plans at a special session 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"This is probably the best news I've heard in a long time. It could mean a great deal to Fitchburg," Mayor Bean said. "This is a \$100 million investment."

The mayor said the city has been aware of the negotiations between Patriot and James River for several months. "There's been over a year of discussions with city officials. It's something that's kept me going day after day through the bad times."

"This is a win-win situation for us," Mayor Bean said. "We're creating jobs. It's good for the economy and it's good for the environment."

Fitzgerald said Mill No. 8 is a particularly attractive site because of the existing equipment and permits to draw water from and dump water back into the Nashua River. The water would only be released in drinking water quality, he said.

Also making the site attractive, he said, is its 150 acres, the city's extensive reservoir system and supporting watershed, and its proximity to the West Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Patriot started operation in 1987 in another former James River Mill in Hyde Park.

That plant produces 70,000 tons of 100 percent recycled paper annually.

If plans for the Fitchburg operation succeed, 140,000 tons of recycled paper could be produced here each year, Fitzpatrick said.

Local government revenues decline



BARONE'S — Lynn M. Pharmacy on Electric

Loss sign 'Family'

By Brian Milligan
CITY EDITOR

FITCHBURG — For 3 they came to the lunch at Barone's Pharmacy for coffee and a chance to breeze with a neighbor Sunday, the last cup of will be poured there.

The politicians who garner votes, meet and debate city politics the council chamber at City Hall will now have to new haven. So will the police officers and residents both young and old, who take a break and gossip.

Once again, possibly a tenacious recession, an era has come to Fitchburg. "We're gonna miss this," said Paul R. Rheault, R-



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